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SUBJECT: USGS/MOROCCAN GEOLOGICAL SERVICE TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF: (A) RABAT 3460; (B) RABAT 2678; (C) STATE 94270

1. USGS AGREES WITH VIEW (REF A AND C) THAT EXISTING BI-
LATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNED OCTOBER 1977 ADEQUATE FOR ALL USGS
COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH LE SERVICE GEOLOGIQUE. HOWEVER,
MINISTER SAADI'S CONCERN (REF B) MAY ARISE FROM HIS
INTEREST IN EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE OTHER
AGENCIES WITHIN THE MINISTRY THAT ARE CONCERNED WITH SOME
OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE USGS, AND THE USGS WOULD BE
PLEASED TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSED CHANGES SAADI FEELS DE-
SIRABLE.

2. IN VIEW OF SAADI'S EXPRESSED INTENTION OF REVISING THE
AGREEMENT (REF B), USGS HAS DELAYED RESPONDING TO ANNEX I
PROPOSED BY THE SERVICE GEOLOGIQUE, UNTIL SAADI'S PROPOSED
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REVISIONS WERE RECEIVED. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF CONCERNS EX-
PRESSED IN REF A, USGS IS NOW REVIEWING PROVISIONS AND RE-
QUIREMENTS FOR ANNEX I AND WILL RESPOND IN NEAR FUTURE,
LEAVING CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN AGREEMENT UNTIL
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